

# Child Dog Bite Prevention

## Maricopa County Animal Care and Control

A dog can quickly become a child's best friend. It is a wonderful relationship, but it can also turn dangerous. A majority of children under the age of 13 get bit by a dog, a lot of times in the face. There are some things kids can do to keep safe around their family dog and other dogs.



### DON'T:

- Put your face close to a dog
- Pull his ears or tail
- Try to take his toy or food
- Wake him from sleep
- Play chase me or tug of war
- Run from him
- Play in his crate
- Lean over or step over

### DO:

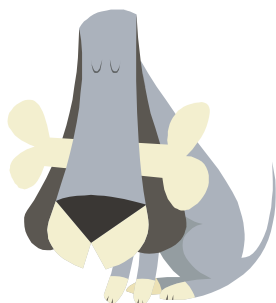
- Scratch him on his sides
- Rub his chest and belly
- Play fetch and hide n seek
- Wait for dog to come to you
- Walk around sleeping dog
- Be calm around dogs
- Ask adult to let dog out of crate
- Walk dog on leash

Sometimes dogs can get too rough in their play or you can encounter a dog who is acting aggressive. What do you do? Think Tree:



- Stand straight with hands at sides, next to your trunk
- Do not make eye contact with dog—look at the ground
- Wait for dog to lose interest and slowly back away
- Never, ever run away or scream
- If on ground, curl up with hands over ears

Be a good dog owner. Learn training tips with your parents. Exercise your dog, feed and water your dog, give him a warm place to sleep and most important, lots of love. Follow the above tips and everyone will be happy and safe!



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